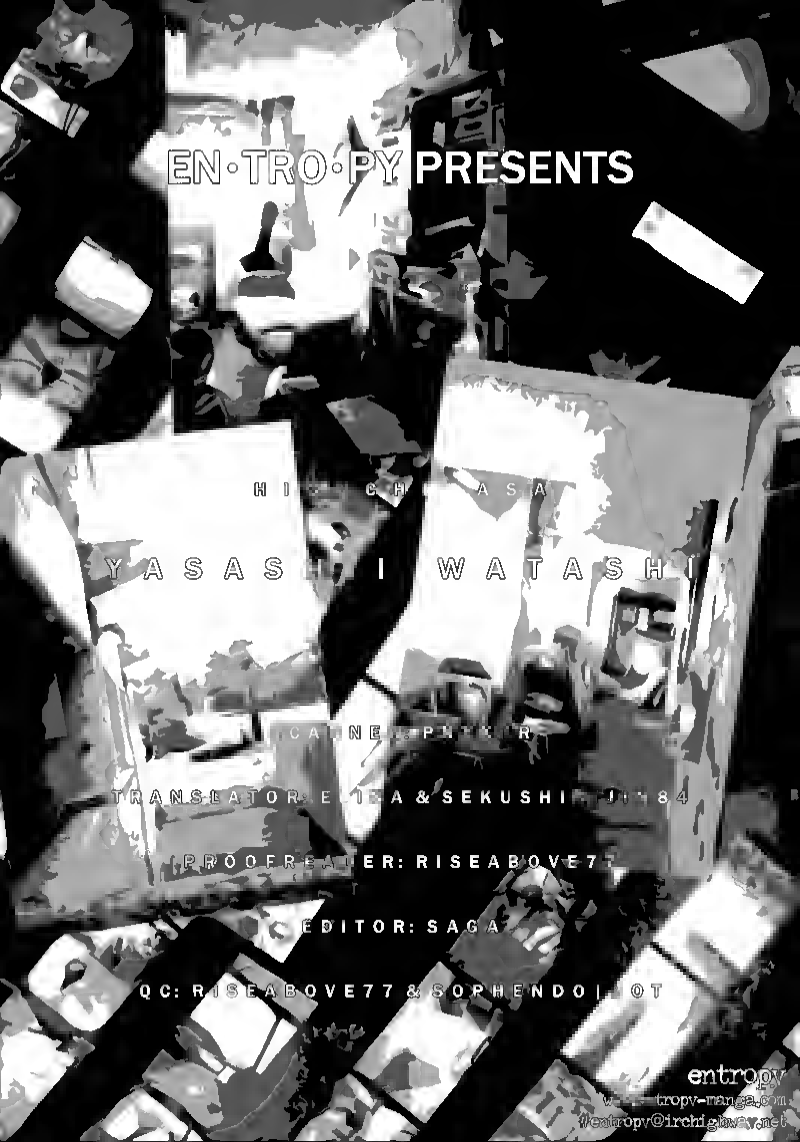
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SQUEEK
SHAAAAAAA
Sigh
rush

We match.
Ah.

Yasashii Watashi

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Chapter 1 Seriu and Yae

thp
WHAM
twitch
Photo club!
Water!
BAM

No one's in.
Huh?
Water!
Dark room!
Hurry! Give me the key!
gasp
What are you doing?!
ring

Need something to scoop out the water.
Ah, the dust-pan!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SHKOOOP

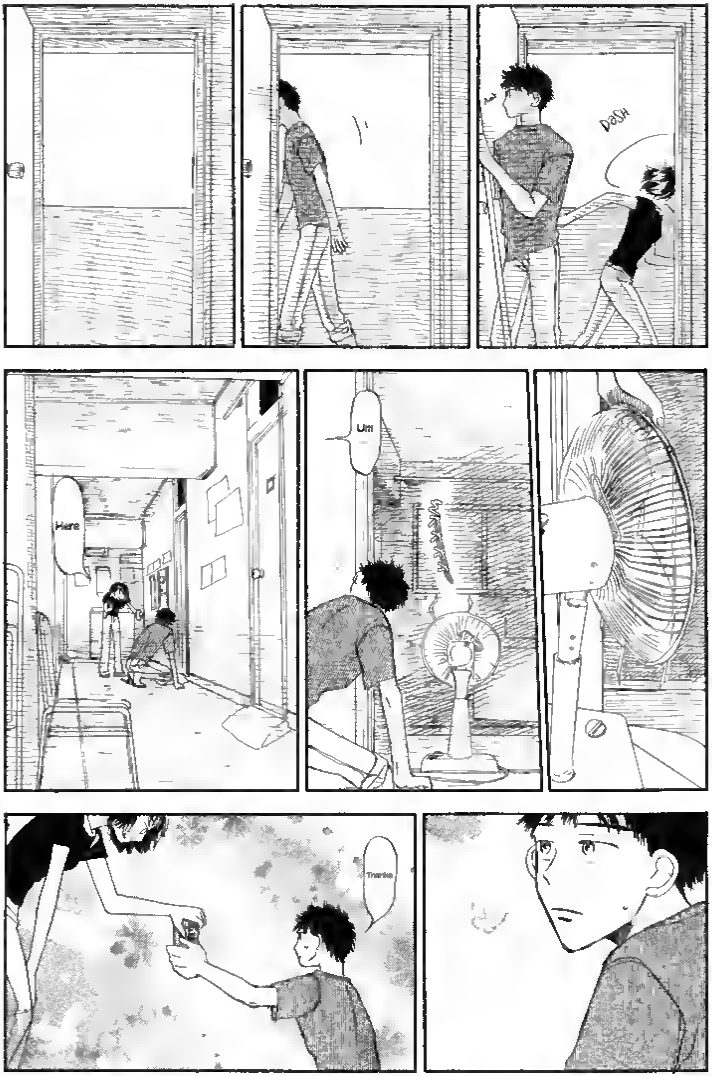
Yo
How is it below? Did it stop leaking?
wipe
wipe
wring
drip
drip
drip
It stopped for now.
But the mattress is soaked.
wring
drip
Flip-flops even in winter
The photo club did it last year, too.
Have regular beds in their rooms
They said this wouldn't happen again.
prick
prick
prick
prick

I'm sorry
Apologizes
A newbie from last month who doesn't know about the previous incident
Watch what you're doing, Jess!
Ahh what about my head?
Ahh!

4F BOYS
4F BOYS
The one who left the water running
Was it you?
I'm...
I'm sorry
Ah
The philosophy club is in a room below
Were they mad?
Don't know
Did the philosophy club leave just now?

I only came from Narita to drop off a souvenir
I was washing my prints
But no one was here, so I was developing film
Then I saw this book!
She went home for an hour
Checked the time
flutter
and went to the convenience store
Then I got hungry
I'm not mad
Those Japanese words struck me like a ton of bricks!! Do you get it?!
It felt so good!

Yup
Does the bag in the room belong to you?
Yeah.
You're a back-packer
Yeah
Where did you go?
I visited Thailand and then went through Vietnam.
Alone?
Yup!
Hah
It's hard to wring the mop out by pressing on it
Hope that's good enough.


DASH
Here
Um
Thanks

Panic
Panic
According to the philosophy guy...
You did it again ?!
Go apologize to them!
Anyway, get over here!
YAEEEEE
B-DUMP
SWISH
YOU'RE NOT TO TALK TO ME!
AND THE WORDS IN THAT BOOK!
SO SHE WON'T WANT TO TALK TO ME ANYMORE!

Excuse me
SIGN Photo club
My
My breat
It's all right
Thank G
Whack
Ah, really?
Would you like to go to dinner?
OK
Shall I lend you some?
But is cafeteria food OK?
I'm really broke after my trips

*300 yen is about $2.60

Kara-su-san-
You started college a year later?

You seem enthusi-astic
Even though there's no exhibition, you're deve-oping photos

Umm
Hmm
How was your trip?

No
Have you been to southeast Asia?
I loved it so much
I loved it!
I want to live in Thailand
And then

Ohh
Some of our members become a pro every year
I want to take meaningful photos
for a living!
Very
serious
There are all kinds of pros, though!
Well
you won't go anywhere if you don't take the first step
You'll move forward when you do
Ahh
Ah
I'm the only one talking

Can you be my model?
Is that so?
Um
?
Clatter
Pause
I got horrible reviews
Ah ha ha At the appraisal meeting?
What did you submit for the May exhibition?
It's common for group members to take each other's photos

Everyone is intense
If someone really gets on your nerves, just feel sympathy for him.
He must be unhappy that he's got a warped personality.
It'll make you feel kind
Huh?
Did you play any sports?

Yes
What did you play?
pant pant
I thought you had nice muscle tone!
Ah, you did?
Ha ha ha
Do you hate flirts?
You're not joining the tennis club?
Heh You're good at tennis
Tennis
Umm
Ha ha ha
I'm
?
Hold up
Won't you
be my model?

Thanks for the food
Tha
REALLY PISSED
I'm sorry
RETURN
Sorry
You don't have to do it.

Yeah
You know the hip joint?
What?
And hip dislocation?
Gulp
Ah...
AH?!
Eh um
When did you start playing tennis?
At five
...
Can you tell me your best results?

RETURN
THANK YOU
RETURN
THANK YOU
Na
Na-tion-als?
Quar-ter-finals
About that...
dislocation,
Is it
We often hear about dislocated joints.
I didn't get it treated immedi-ately...
so bad that...
you can't play sports?
Yes

but I was in the middle of a tournament, so
I had aches all over my body,
You can compete in that condition?!

Eh?! You still have it?
But isn't it really painful?

I was able to keep going, so I fooled myself to continue
Until I couldn't walk anymore

I could still move my muscles at the time
Once in a while, I felt fierce pain, though
Shhh
Gh

What do they do?
Wha—
...I guess.

So I went to a hospital
Someone took him
Sigh

If the muscle grows onto the joint,
wouldn't it stay dislocated...?

CCCT
And snap the joint back in place
Scrape the muscle off
Open it up
Cut into the hip
Yeah.
Doesn't it hurt?
No
You don't mind the pain?
It's dislocated
Yes
Half a year for the bones to set in place.
That's going to take some time
Do you really need to have that surgery?
I still can't play as an athlete.
It could have been treated without surgery?
Ah, then

I dislocated it again.
so it didn't work out
It healed
Right?
But
I was thinking I was weak from the beginning...
Because
It takes talent
I got bad luck...
It costs money, too.

Life isn't just about tennis...
...
I guess I...
...misunderstood some things
Right?
No
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha
I simply failed the exam on the first year
Yup
That's why you started college late
Are you paying for your own tuition!?
Yup!
This private school has the cheapest tuition in the prefecture
Yup
Here?

Eh heh heh! I brag ged!
Heh Good for you
These members will handle posters, clerical mapping and ad display... for the June exhibition.
Next on the agenda is...
...left the water running.
Her prints seemed to have clogged up the drain.
Seiju was there and took care of the mess...
Yes...
twitch
twitch
...has once again...

So
What should we do?
Good job
THANKS
THANKS
THANKS
This is what we decided last
I knew real well what she did last time
Right
Don't get drunk in the darkroom
Don't sleep in the darkroom
You cause too many problems!
Stunned
I'm not doing that!
Of course not!
This is your second water leak
Shout
Shout
You set off the fire alarm by setting the room on fire!
You lack common sense!
Is this bad?

Why can't she be careful?
I guess
Try to think of this as an apartment building
We let the water leak and set the rooms on fire No wonder they want to evict us
You lack awareness!
Chatter
They're just mad, right?
Is the philosophy club saying anything?
She should have shut the faucet off!
I know him
But do they know it's the same culprit?
We can write an apology and explain our response to the second incident
Let's stop talking like that.

How are we going to respond next time...?
What do you think, Seriu?
You did the clean up
when she can't handle it?
Isn't it wrong...
...to heap the responsibility on that girl...

Popular hairstyles
!!
Why don't we say we all shut the water before we leave?
Let's all be responsible
He's...
so nice!
Um
Then
Don't do that, miss Hino.
Sparkle Sparkle
dick dick
What about the next consequence?
They're not being serious.
It's fine
It's fine
Don't say that!

Yes!
You got it?
Yes
Rules must not be broken!
All members, but especially Karasu!
grr
I'm sorry
Well, we didn't break the rules this time, either
Ryo
Ryo
Ryo

You know with tennis ?
Yeah.
Were you still de-pressed in your first year?
Seiru.
...
Do you want to become
Ah
Umm
no
I guess
a sports photo-grapher ?

Yes
Good!
I'm serious!
Because it makes me really happy...
...to see a serious person!

Bye!
Yae, we're going
THUMP
Yae
Seiru.

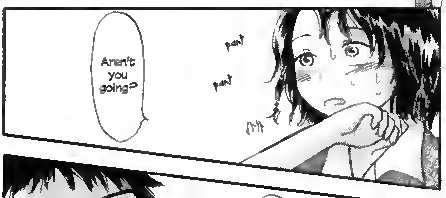
Oh
I thought I'd show him a photo
Hey, is Seiru here today?
I haven't seen him
Oh, he left early.
He went out to eat with Yamawaki
Are you guys getting along?
You were doing something the other day.
Yeah
Making noise in the hallway.
What was that about?
Being a haru model

I heard Yae-sam went on a trip...
because she likes Asia
OK
Then we put it on our hands and took a picture of that
We mixed paint and laundry starch together
...
No good huh?
Yeah...
Oh.
It was to ease her heartbreak.
No way
Are you guys going out?
She's after you
But you know
I see...

I know I'm being mean.
But
She treats certain men horribly
I thought you should know that
To put it nicely
She's immature
Nice choice of words

Yeah.
Going home?
Seiru!

Yeah
You're taking that course, right?
There's an intro to Asia party today.


Aren't you going?

Should I go with you?
Sho
No?

I'm going to give them my Vietnam report
I think it last year

How long did you stay there?

A little over a month
I was in Vietnam for about three weeks
mmm mmm mmm
Where did you visit?
Famous places
From Saigon to Hue
I went to Hoi An, Dak Saba, Do Son, and Dien Bien Phu
Ah, the My Son ruins are amazing
It was really destroyed by the bombings

It kills me to think it was done after WWII
Such a shame
I hate wars
Karasu-san, how much did the trip cost?
About 20,000 yen including travel expenses

*20,000 yen is about $172

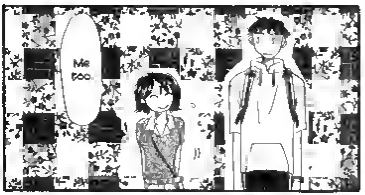
Heh, you're surprisingly wealthy
I spent away 15,000 yen for a month in Nepal
It was tough to stay in an 100-yen-a-night inn
I see

*15,000 yen is about $129

Ah...
Back then, I took a bus there from India...
Why didn't you fly?
The cost
The cost
From Japan
But it takes over ten hours
Think about the travel costs to Nepal
Don't you want to do more sightseeing for a few thousand yen difference?
It's exhausting to travel on such rough roads
Do you know they have hairdos?
I sometimes meet them during trips
The people bragging about being poor
I'm already tired of hearing it

She forgot he was there.

I usually just have two shirts and an extra pair of underwear to change into
I wear the same pants the entire time.
Roughly a third of my travel baggage is the photography equipment.
Ha ha



*300 mm is about 11.8 inches

Hmm
On average
Do you read?
That so?
I hate it when I disagree with someone
Why?
But I don't really talk about it
Like my favorite books
The other person would look foolish to me

I'm not broad-minded.
...anyone other than your friends are foes.
You think
I can't keep in the things that piss me off.
You shouldn't bottle up your feelings, either!
It doesn't bother me.

I like you!
Hey!
You're interested in [redacted], right?!
That's why you're telling me about my faults, right?!

I like you!
It's a fault— or any-thing
I'm not saying

Cough
Hahaha
Thank ...
... you.
That was a laugh ... Not a cough.

For... model shots...
Eh?
Let's go to a hotel.
Are...
Are you hiding... your embarrassment?
blush
Hmm...
That's even more embarrassing.

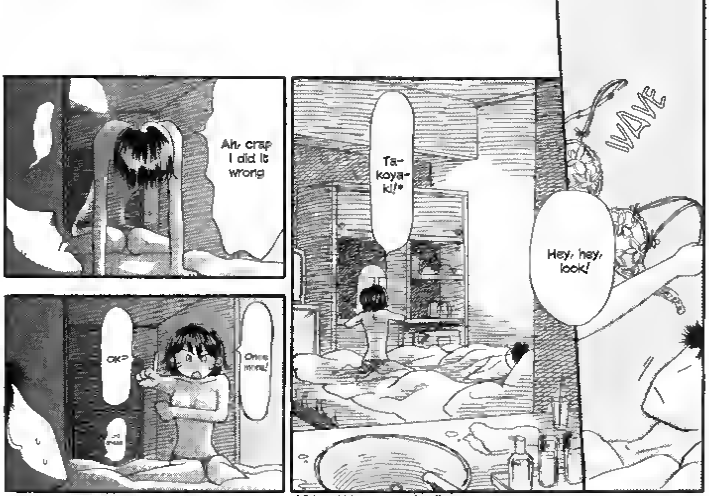
You're a virgin, kun
trudge trudge
It's so sudden
It...
It's not a bad thing!
They say that thinking... spontaneous sex is a bad thing...
...or feeling pressured to laid a woman...
will cause you...
...to have a...

...sexless marriage

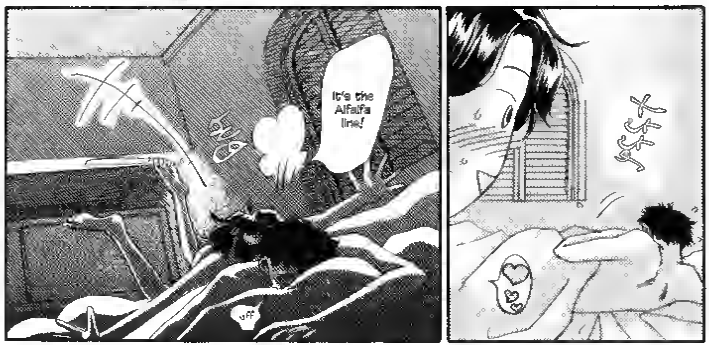
I don't understand it too well
I'm not embarrassed!
Blush

Perhaps so

↑ Prefers to sleep with her bra on



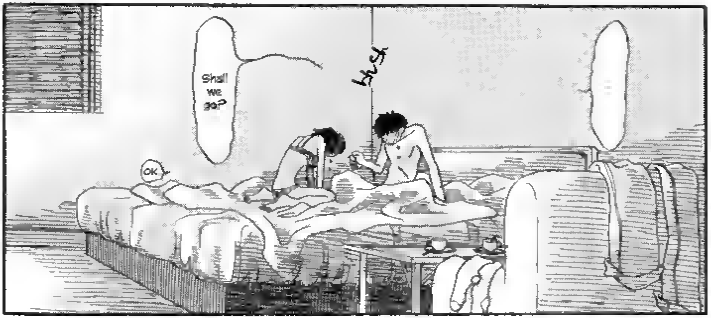
*Famous line by comedian duo Alfalfa.

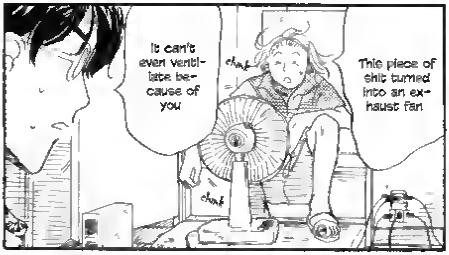


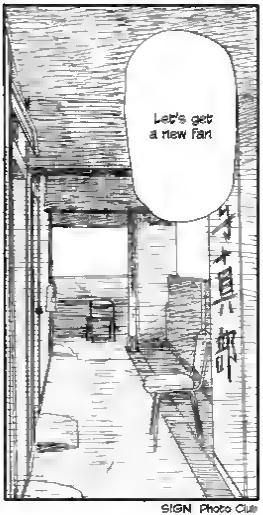
I pierced them with a safety pin.
I tried to pierce my ears when I was in middle school.
So I asked my mother to help me pierce them.
The holes would close up if I hesitated over what to do about them.
And they hurt.
I couldn't get the earrings through.
But
Once I pulled it out, the holes were slanted.
?
?
My mother died.
You're over twenty now, right?
She told me I have to wait until I'm twenty.

When I was five, my father
married my mother's sister
In other words, my aunt became my mother,
and had my sister
The pierced ears are a story of my mother now
It didn't work out for the four of us
So I live with my father now

I can't cook at all!
KEKE
Ah, but...
Heh
Sure
My parents separated just recently!
Um


Shall we go?
OK


It can't even ventilate because of you
This piece of shit turned into an exhaust fan


Let's get a new fan
写真部

But you're right. We should get a new one.

P
Seiu-san, you're now Tsubame
Tsubame-chan!*
Yo!
*Tsubame is slang for young male lover
P!
Hey, you scored, huh?
Eh?
Yae-san's telling everyone about it

She's hiding embarrassment
She's
That girl...
She's not easy.

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THE SENPAI THAT HAS REMAINED IN YAE'S HEART
Wow!
One step in the right direction!
What's up with this!? Are you being pure-hearted!?
25-year old girl
Yae!
What!?
Yae-chi, I'm soooo hip
A big fuss a week since she filled with things she didn't buy just now
Flip flop
Where's going out!?
No makeup
Rarely for my mom-to-be!
Why are you saving money!?
I started her onsen at work.
Fresh tobacco
She actually goes to onsen looking like this.

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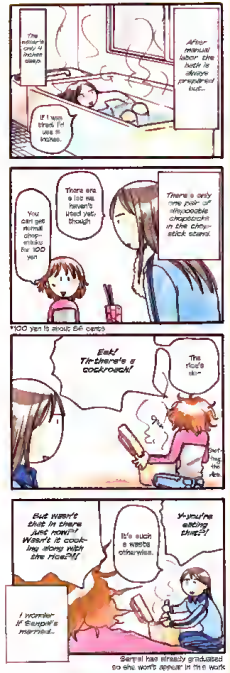
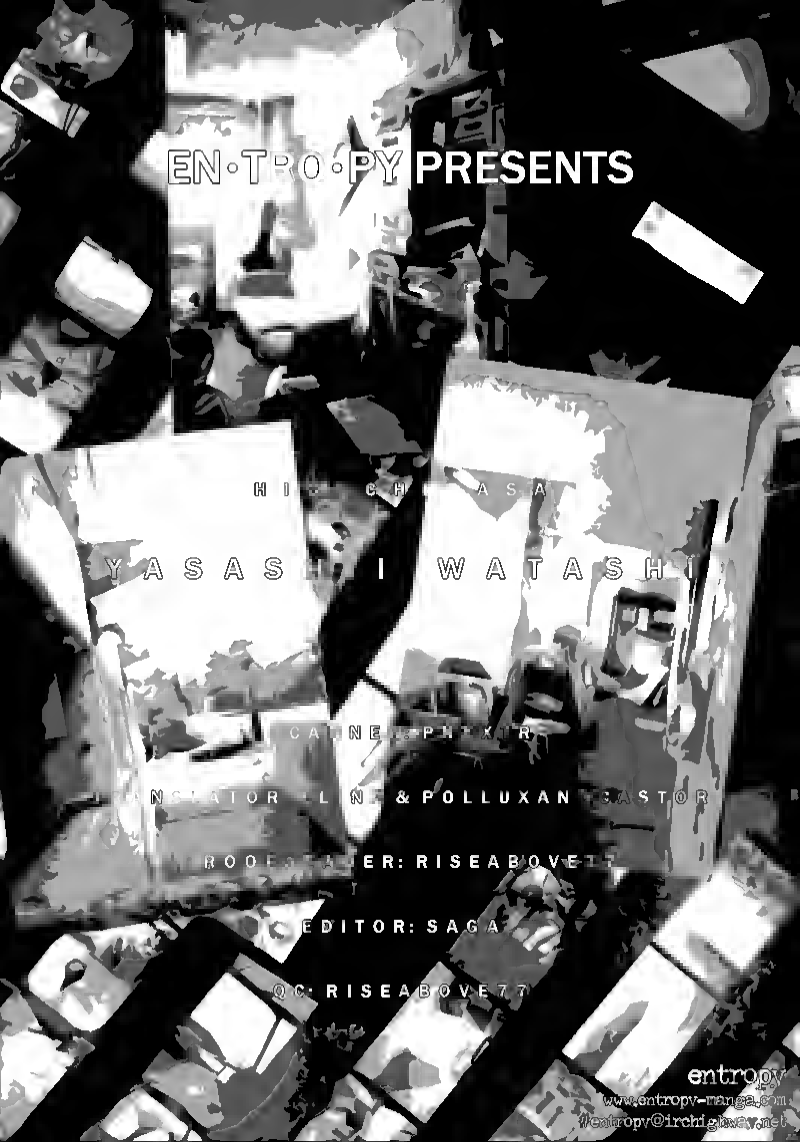
The older girl he meets in the photography club is a celebrity in her university, with her free-spirited speech and conduct and her magnificent travels among men!

The frustrated boy, formerly part of the tennis club, thought that his love was just a bit of heavy luggage, but he's unexpectedly gotten off to a good start!

They hurt each other through their similar confessions. As long as they grow, it will be pitiful. A compassionate love drama is beginning on the stage set in the university circle!


SENPAI'S ROOM
The entrance only 4 inches away.
After minute! labor she both is always prepared but...
If I was tired, I'd use it anyway.
There are a lot of affordable restaurants in the city-side area.
You can get normal chop-sticks for 100 yen.
There's only one pair of affordable chopsticks in the city-side area.
*100 yen is about 64 cents
Eek! There's a cockroach!
The mood's over.
But wasn't that in there just now!? Wasn't it cooking along with the meal?!
It's such a waste otherwise.
Y-you're eating that?!
I wonder if Senpai's married...
Seriu has already graduated so she won't appear in the work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Chapter 2 Yae and Hirotaka

The repainting of the veneers for the photography exhibition happens once a year. There are about one hundred and fifty sheets, total.

If you're using white paint, or take off the white shirt if you're using black paint.
You should take off the black pants...
From a long time ago,
All this graffiti!
They are ours?
OBJECTIVE PHOTOGRAPH
rush
You will get paint on your clothes
Really?
Well then
Zip
Your eyes are wide open

A younger boy
Eh heh heh
Tsubame-chan
My Tsubame-chan
Pout
Pout
Sulk
'cause ain't he your boy-friend?
But that's healthy.
WHEN SHE'S REALLY INTERESTED HER EYES BECOME WIDE OPEN
The sun will burn in the end when mankind's been turned to ash it'll make a photo-ure.
Let me write the character "日".
Huh?
It'll come off
You'll be fine
You'll be fine
Are you serious?
Yama-waki you'll be "山" Segawa, you strip down too.
Ahh. come on! Just paint the beards.
No way!
I hope you keep your relationship going, Sanu-kun.

*The three characters 写真部 make up the word "photography club".

Let's put 'em away
OK!
Uhhh
I'd say you need to take a bath to get this stuff off
Uhhh
Itchy
But it looks like it was burned in perfectly
Later, let me take a picture of it, too ♡

*The first character in the Japanese word for "photography club".

I lost ten kilograms, y'know.
What?!
It's surprising, your muscles didn't shrink, huh?
My thighs were almost twice as big, before
Did you do weight training?
I heard you can get hooked on it
Right
I broke my bone
During weight training?!
When you take too many steroids, your bones...
The Boy
No...
Then, was it because of weight training?
Well...

Third year of junior high
Junior high?
And I was really tired...
When was this?
That's how it is for everyone
That might be true, but I just can't believe it
That was second year of junior high
Were there any third year students at the tournament?
Then quarterfinals When was that?

I was panicking
so your grades dropped
Yeah.
Hand that to me.
Ah!
Here.
Ouch
clank
clank
clang

May I call you by your first name?
You can call me Yae
Ya-

Could you come with me while I develop my photographs?
I'm not completely sure how to do it.
Oh, OK
Ogawa-san
I'd like to, but I have language class next
If you could wait here until I come back
But you're in the mood to give it a try
Ah, it'd be OK if I were to watch you at just the beginning, though right?
As long as you handle the developing solution correctly, the rest
Oh, Shinjou
Since they don't take attendance until about halfway through the class, I have about 30 minutes
It's OK, I'll wait
What's up?

'Cause I need to be at language class
Yeah?
Do you have a sec?
Can you show Seiju how to develop photographs?

Fine.

Pass the course this year
Later!
Oh!
Then, I'm gonna go.
Thank you!
Later!
164
174
182
I'm serious!
Don't learn photography techniques from Yae!
click
click
Umm... Hmm... There's no seniority around here.
Huh?
Used to the club yet?
Yep.
If there's something you don't understand, ask me
click

Ahhh
Ogawa repeated his third year
I thought you were a fourth year
?
Ogawa-san and I are the same age, so we speak like equals
I am doing my fourth year a second time
I see
Failed once
He failed his entrance exam, so he's three years older than you.
I'm probably the only one graduating this year
Com-pli-cat-ed
All the new people we got this year were guys.
I see
It's going to be year seven for that guy
I wonder if Miya-san will graduate?
Yuminari and Aoi haven't started their senior theses yet

When we get female members, they always get into trouble with the upper-classmen.
It's fun to watch that sort of thing happen.
I was
BEEEEEP
...with Yae, too.

...
Y-
Yes
You heard it from somebody, right?
Huh?
Well, I don't think...
...anything of it, anymore...
This may sound strange,
but I'm happy that...

So please don't get jealous
you two get along well together
So hon-
hon-est!
jeal-ousy ?
Is this ...

Well, I'm turning off the lights
OK
click
Shhhhhh
Shhhhhh
Shhhhhh
Shhhhhh
click
That didn't sound right.
I can't...
I can't do it
Most people have to cry at in the dark.
This and this...
Um...
Here, let me.
Hang on.
I'll do it.
Fumbling around

That girl...
...has a huge Father complex.
You probably think I'm saying this out of malice.
No...
So?
It's the reason we broke up
I mean, guys who have mother complexes keep girls at a distance, too

You could say that...
...my heart was completely enshrouded in darkness
until I figured it out, I was so angry
crack
In all seriousness,
If I'd known,
I could have taken better care of her..
Don't let it bother you
HA HA HA
CLICK
Ah
Just because she has a father complex...

You've developed film before, right?
Yes
Yes
Do you have a stop-watch?
Ask about anything you don't under-stand
Do you
Do you still
Not at all!
TURNS
Right, right, there's Makoto Nakai in Asian Studies class
TURNS TURNS
Yae went out with him briefly
right after me

Kiriya
Kiriya wrote that, but even so,
out from that place, came...
EXORCISM
HAND-WRITTEN
Now, let me tell you a scary story about the darkroom
A talisman is hanging there, right?
Huh?
Uhhh
It's directly below the dark-room
SHIVER
I hear it appears in the kitch-en, too
The kitch-en
a white thing
Below the kitchen,
on the first floor of the basement, was an old hangout for jocks
They were bullying guys from other groups
EVEN THOUGH IT'S REALLY SCARY HERE IN THE DARKROOM YOU CAN'T LET IT GET TO YOU. YOU HAVE TO WORK IN HERE

The four corners?
Umm
In that room,
there are five of them.
Where would you say the beams in that room are?
SHIVER
SHIVER
In rooms that have a four in the room number
ROOM 404
There's an apparition always standing in a pillar.
Since it's trapped inside,
it appears every floor right above it.
Too good to be true.
Yeah

They're with the group who recruit new freshmen
Oh
Few people join them every year
The beam does exist
You wanna see it?
You still hear about the bullying
The remaining members live on the first floor
*Photography Club

Arrgh
I'm home
Ahh
Ahh
BANG
It's been a long day!
← was waiting
DASH
Arrrgh!
Aaaaah!
What is it?!

Voice?
That voice
Huh?
Shall we go see?
Maybe they're bullying someone
Of what?
T-To take pictures
What do you think?

I want to take a picture of that!
There's a hangout on the seventh floor, too
It's close
It's not from below
Yes
Jump

Ah, Ahm
Is it from below like I thought?
No
Above
rur-rur
rur-rur

Ahh
Ahh
Ahh
tlap
tlap
tlap
tlap
So, so stupid!
Wow!
Ahaha
Hiding her embarrassment
Who'd you hear that strange story from?
Shinjou-san
Shin-jou?!

I'm so pissed that he was involved!
It was...
?!
What the hell?
It was fun
Why...
Jeez

I event book a vacation to get away from this
Huh, in Asia?
Yae-san's trip was to—
Ah.
It was to—
Thai-land was—
It was to ...
It was to nurse a broken heart.

You love what
you love, right?
Take yourself. You switched from playing tennis to becoming a sports photographer!
If you could, you'd still want to play tennis. But since that's impossible, you decided to become a photographer.
You chose this because it's the next best thing to tennis, right?
But you don't hate playing tennis!

Photographer?
Right!
It's okay if you want to bail out!
You lack perseverance!
You'll
You'll give up if you really think it's impossible
Why?!
That's irrelevant to love!
If you lose hope, it'll be over!

It's a problem that you won't let go of him.
SWAY
SWAY
ㅎㅇㅎㅇㅎㅇ!
You have to believe it'll work out
Even if I want it to work out,
he doesn't feel the same way
Grab
Now, listen.
Now—
Hmm
Let me go!
Just...
...forget about me.
Why don't we break up?!
I'm saying
you
are
T-t-t-t
Back
Back

tennis
your number one?
Slump
D-
D-do you mean I'm...

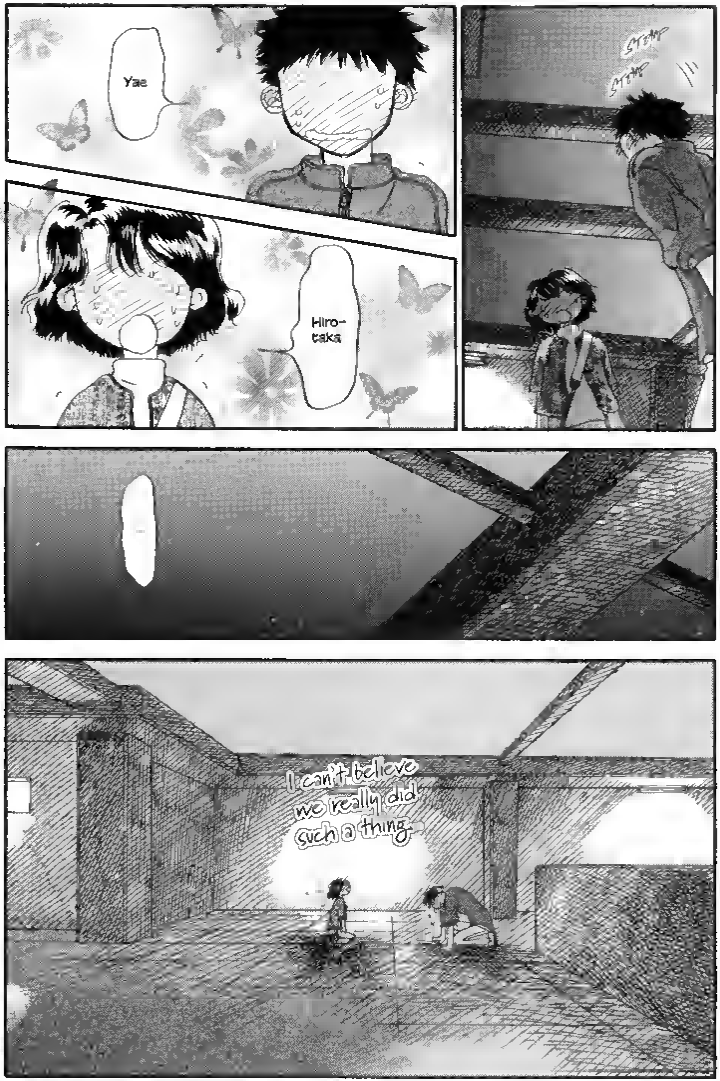
F-
First...
P!
Huh?
This is normal P!
Tha...
That's the first time anyone's said that to me...
What P!
Wh-
When girls talk,
It seems inevitable...
It's not...
...what you'd call normal
...they often say...
...the best guy they found is already taken or
...they agreed when guys asked them out

Guys
don't say that kind of stuff
I thought maybe
G
you were going out with me because I asked you
But
You
haven't been asked out, right?

Why
Do you
Why?
I said it first
Uhhh well
Hm?
?
a—
What you're saying is...
I'm...
Well...
?
it's
need to have a boy-friend?
a—
?

Because I've fallen in love with you...
?!
Wha-?
I really love you.
You can rationalize it, but I'm only saying what's on my mind.
Really... I'm

Hiro-
taka
Ya-
Ya-
Yae...


Yae
Hiro-taka
Stomp
Stomp
I can't believe we really did such a thing...

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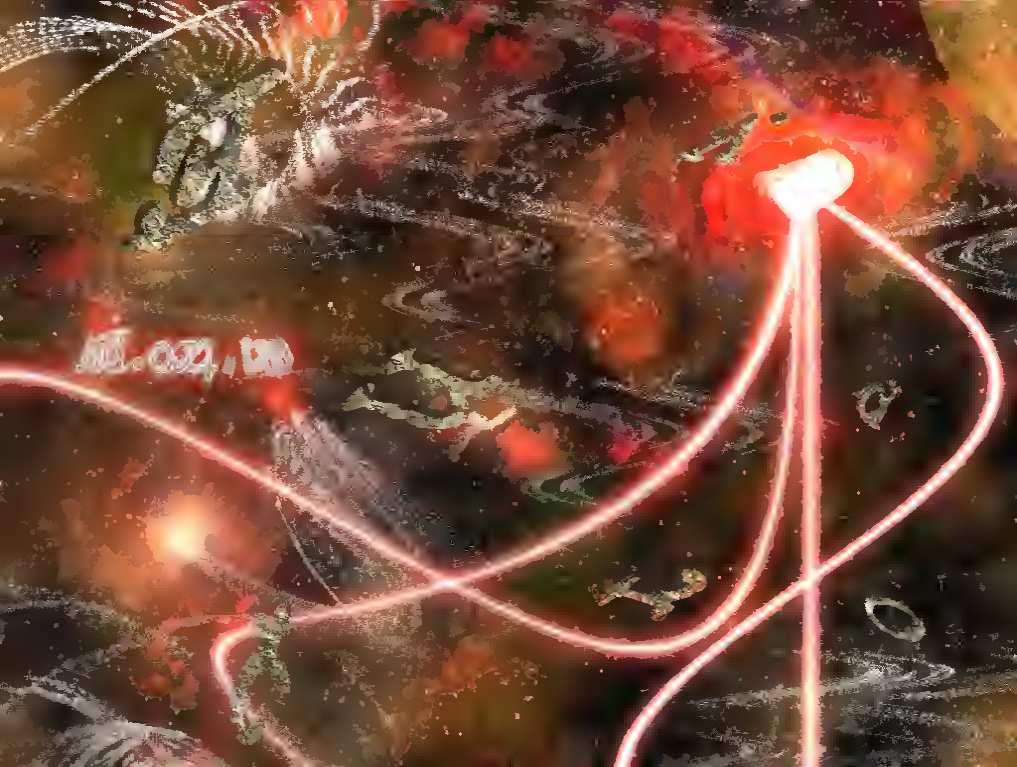

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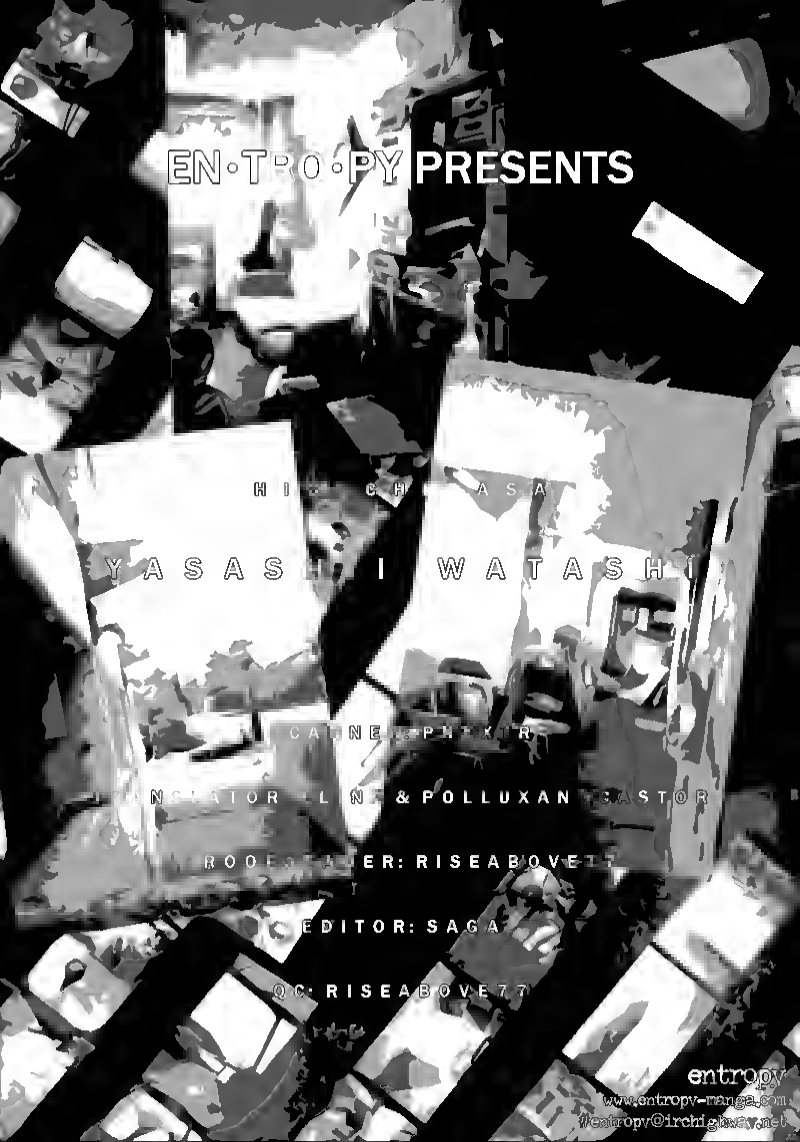
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That's OK
but I couldn't move it by myself
I'm really sorry to make you come so far.
The bed is over there.
I am thinking of setting up a simple darkroom over there
Oh? Is this a photograph enlarging device?
There are small ones like this?
It can only enlarge up to a factor of four
There's a limit?
Of course there is!

Here.
Even so, it was a huge expense for me.
CLICK
CREAK
CREAK
Really?
It's just that the one at the photo club is the best
All of them have a limit to their precision.
hmm
hmm
slide
slide
Get that slide.
OK
I think film will still be better for a while.
I don't use it for news reports.
Its quality is very grainy
The commercial one is for a play
What about digital cameras?

I bought it because it would be troublesome to go just for the darkroom
Now that I am a senior, I won't need a camera for school
It comes off
Huh?
For school
It's too far to come here.
Hey.
What is Karasu?
That's my mother's maiden name
CREAK
CREAK
SLAM

Not until high school
You didn't know?
?
Until high school I thought I was Tamura
But when I went to pick up my passport, I saw that it was Karasu in the register
I just left it as is
Why did that happen?
My mother only had sisters, so the Karasu surname was going to disappear
I think that's the reason
Does that bother you?
SHE DOESN'T CARE?

Pant
All my hometown friends call me Tamura
When I call them it was changed to Kamasu...
...they think I got married.
SLAM
Ah ha ha
Are you surprised?
You lied?
Huh?!
By the way, I've been divorced once
I never met him, though
No!
Really

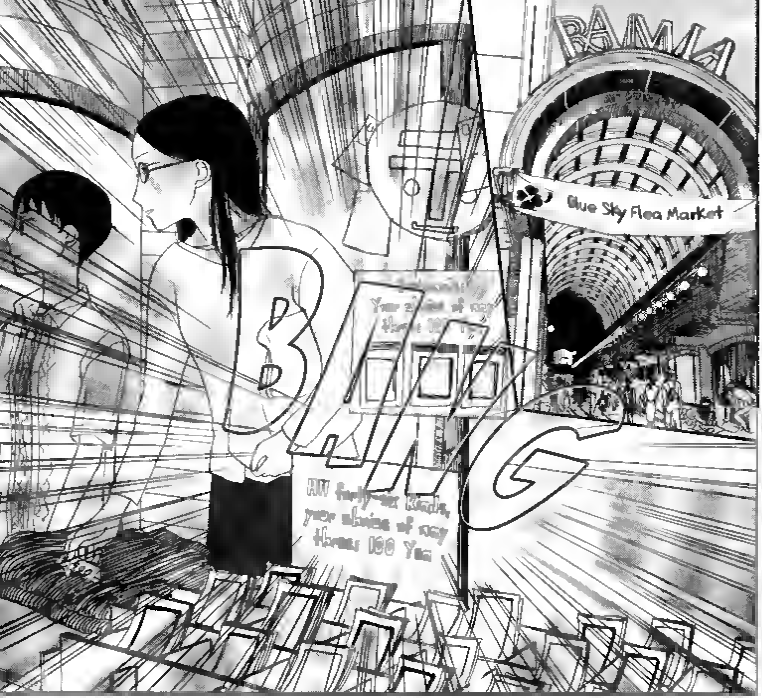
Ummm huhhh? And I don't really know,
but it seems I was married to someone from Laos
???
Um
My dad! He really liked Laos, you see...
Tell me everything
Wait
He's a history teacher, and would go to Laos often.
I think...
...it became necessary...
...to help someone he met in Laos...

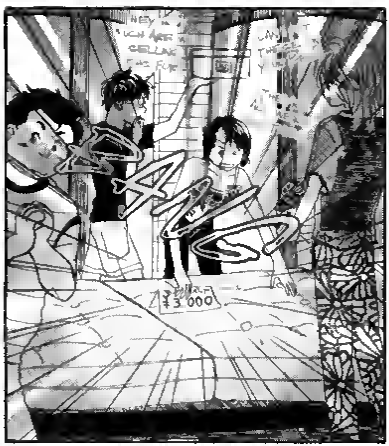
to stay in Japan
Is this a... "Father Complex?!"
Is that a problem?

No
Not really
They say, "The poor have no time for leisure."

But when I'm poor, I have free time
Ahhh, yes
But if you don't have money, you can only sit around being dazed all day
You've got money when you're working.
but then, you have no time for fun
It's exactly the opposite, isn't it?
HA HA HA HA
is what society views as poor?!
AH!
Perhaps, what we think of as rich,
AH!
Ah, potato chips!
It's scale!
Huh it's not edible?

You brought it here?
Oh!
Hi
Can I leave my bed in the hallway?
Yo!
Did you already develop your postcards?
Yes.
How many?
Ah, it looks nice.
Thank you for the hard work!
Let's put it in the club room.
I'm calling it
Three kinds, five each.
That's a conservative number.
I need more?
Oh
I'd say that it's ambitious.
has ten kinds with ten each
Yes.
Generally, it's ten of each kind.
You can give them away at the school festival.


BAMA
Blue Sky Flea Market
BANG


SALE

These are yours.
Ughhh
You can give them away at the school festival
Ughhh
UNSOLD GOODS
We should chip in 300 Yen each!
OK?
We need a bed in the club room.
Ughhhhh
crumpl crumpl
ALSO UNSOLD
Simply based on total postcard count.
Ogawa-san was the best.
sazzk sazzk

YAY!
D-1
Are Setani and Seiru.
And members who sold all of theirs.
$2
He just picked the shots that suit the purpose.
Setani could have sold everything even if he printed out many more copies, right?
It's safe to eat beef raw
EAT EAT ALL YOU CAN
Like cats and dogs on the street
Animal pictures always sell.
Since he sold all of his before noon
I think so
Are you done eating?
$22
Likes kpop women
Right?
You just printed out the ones that you liked, right?
He didn't think about that kind of thing
What! He's right

I want to be more popular...
mumble
You sold quite a few of them
I like Yae's prints
I bought six of them
What do you mean by that?
couldn't you make your prints a bit cleaner?
If that's the case,
Hey, show it to me...
Did you see it?
Huh, where?
There was unevenness in the developing emulsion in one picture
From what I have seen,
OOPS!
since it looked crummy
I hid it.

I don't want to get stuffed and feel uncomfortable
Is it that annoying?
Maybe you don't care
Of course it is!

Excuse me, you didn't eat very much.
This blemish bothers me
If you don't want to fix this, you should have selected prints without these blemishes.

Yeah. If we compare the pictures...

It was by their request?
I mean tobodays customers
That's not it.

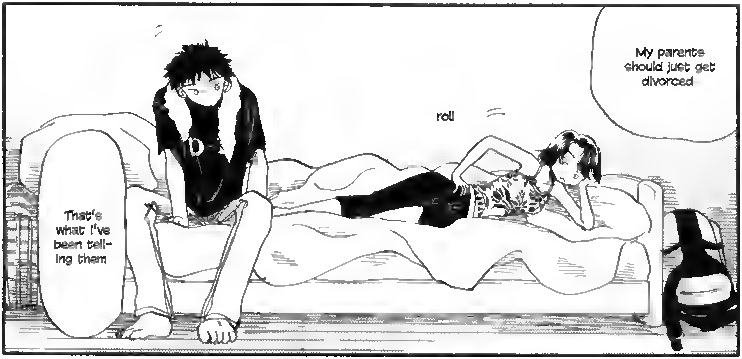
But you know
They didn't say any such a thing!
If you intend to do this as a career, this would not be acceptable.

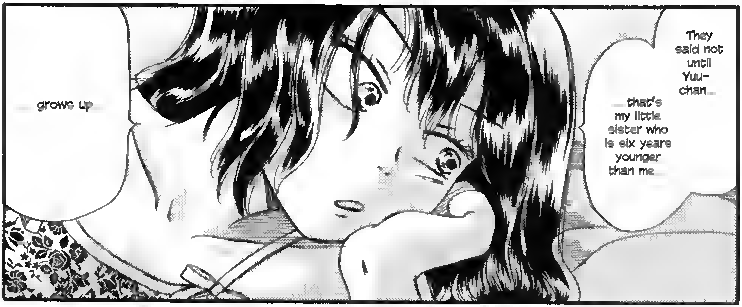
You ought to watch how long you leave developing solution soaking
IT REALLY IS
LET ME SEE
But that's a really annoying thing, to do...
Yae's print is of the same thing, but has a different tone!
This is really clear
Ah, it's really true
Eh?
??!!
I'm going to open it
On your photos.
Just a quick look.
Yae, let me see your compact camera
Why ?
look here
PUSH

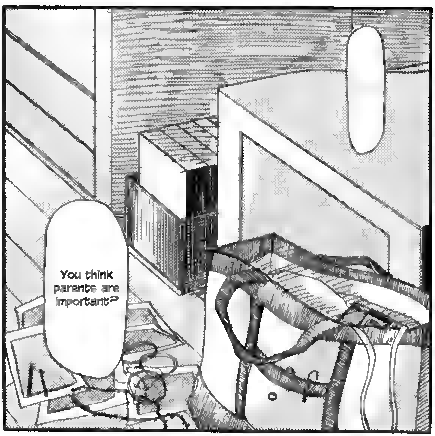
You know
I think you should be more attentive.
I SEE NOW IT WAS THAT DIRT
I thought your camera must have been dirty
I saw the same dirt on them
No
It's that you are an attentive person
Who is so crude!
It's you...
DON'T GET JEALOUS
DRUNK
D1
PAT
PAT
You're naturally attractive.
Come on
What is it now?!
Sigh

Only a few do.
Photographers don't personally develop their own pictures.
Argg, the Photo Club is kinda stupid
I wish my prints would sell.
I don't have to bother with family or looking for a job
I'm thinking of spending half my time overseas.
It'd be so cool getting to know the natives

You really feel that way?
About what?
It's my own life, after all
You live with your father now right?
angry
He says that it's a business trip
HUHH
D-1
He probably doesn't care.
He's rarely home.
What do you mean?
THUMP
but,
does a teacher go on such business trips?

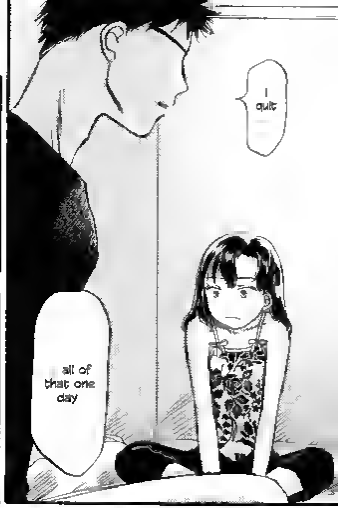

My parents should just get divorced
roll
That's what I've been telling them

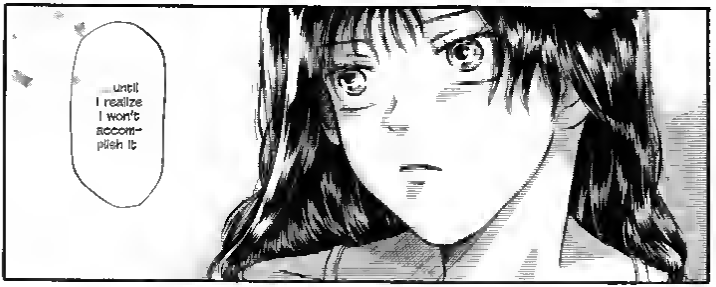

They said not until Yuu-chan...
...that's my little sister who is six years younger than me...
...grows up

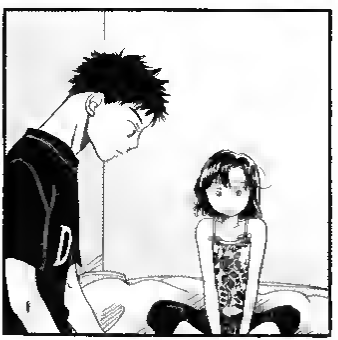

You think parents are important?

They finally got separated now
I see

... is really difficult
You know, raising a child
D-1
Im-por-tant?
...
What?
Impor-tant...
Hmm
Between a tennis coach, private school and tennis class tuition,
training camps and distant tours...
Oh?
I've had a tennis coach since middle school.
Well, I guess so.
What...?
You need millions of yen
Millions...of yen?!







Trying too hard to act cool

When I was in hospital...
...and my family had debt.
Well...
You see...
But,
I started thinking about quitting.
There was a time...
...I...
...my parents' love!
...rejecting...
...felt like...

You're on good terms with them ...
... that you can say such a thing.
D-J
I sort of understand how you feel.
... but I find them important to me now.
So...
The good or the bad of your memories.
You'll turn back if your future looks bleak.
Is based on your level of satisfaction with your life

I want to...
...give you...
...a better memory

Hey, how much is it to rent this place?
Seventy five thousand yen.
D-1
It's embarrassing even if I don't eat it in words
Silence
D-1
COUPLE
What about tuition?!
Your parents pay for it?!
Ye—yes
A hundred eighty thousand
What do you get for expenses from your parents?!
D-1
You're still leaching off of your parents
Um Then, it's better that you don't reject it
Pure

*75,000 yen = approx. $750

*80,000 yen = approx. $1,800

Let's move!
Huh?
You can move half a year early
Huhhhhhh!?
Is your lease about to expire?
We'll move to a place that costs around forty thousand yen!
Not for half a year
That's it That's a great idea!
*40 000 yen = approx. $400
We can look for a place that doesn't require a deposit!
We can get two rooms without a bathtub!
Don't I have to put up a deposit?

No bath-tub?
We can take a shower at the campus.
Or...
...is that completely...
...unac-cept-able?

D-1

Let's do it.
D-1
Yay!
We can do anything with extra cash
Why do I get extra cash?
The difference...
Will...
cut back the expense to my parents...
AHHHHH I WANT TO TAKE A SHARE OF IT
D-1

Katydid
Panarama Suzu
Sidney silver_deeds
Pollux wall flower
xengie Flump
mayairy-
active
happybobo321
Cream Puffs eunhYe
Freshy funnypages
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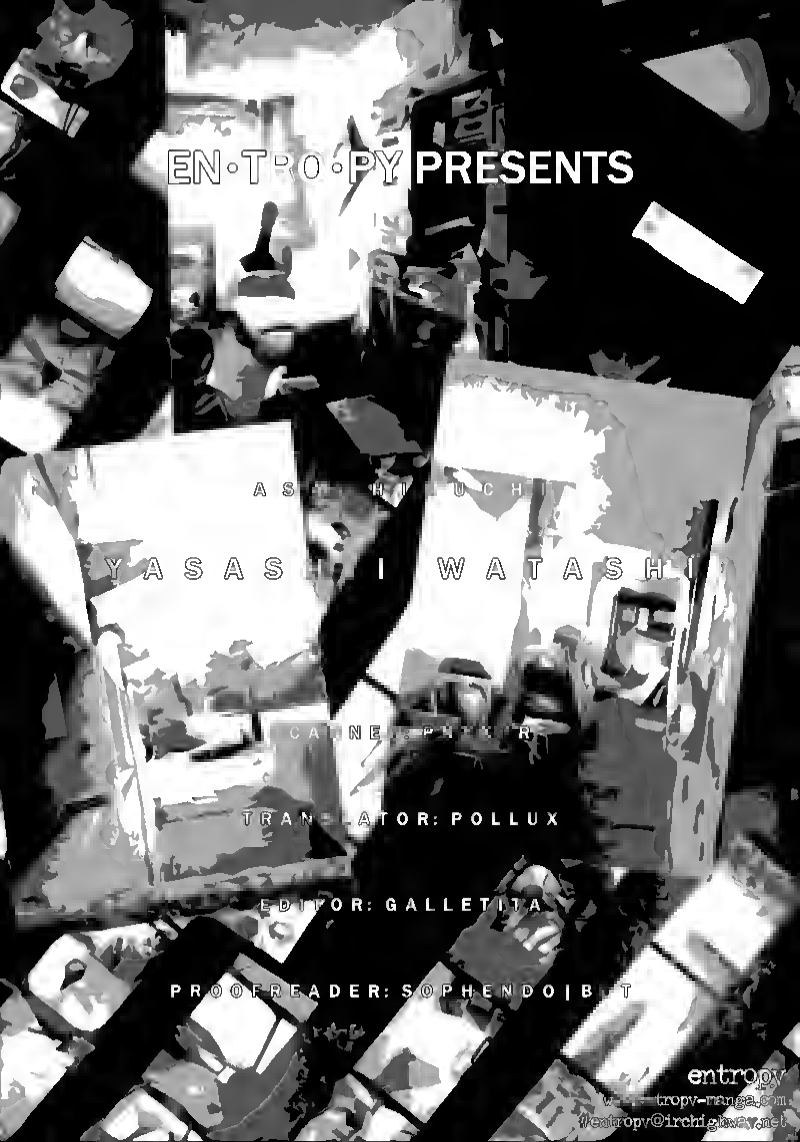
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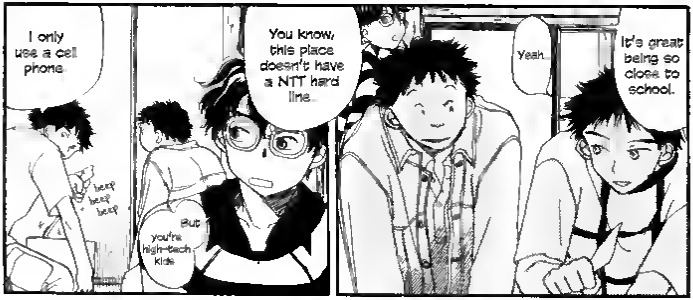
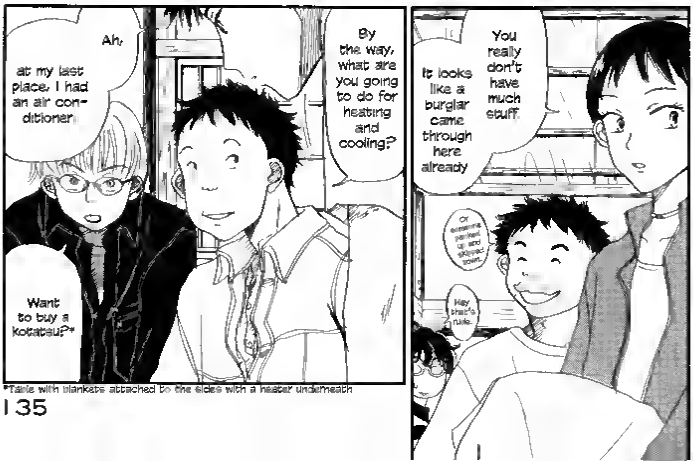
Seriu, you've seriously found a great place.
It's really spacious.
Which way's north?
This way.
The ceiling's high, and it's nice and bright in here.
And there are lots of windows.
But no view at all.


It's great being so close to school.
Yeah.
You know, this place doesn't have a NTT hard line...
I only use a cell phone.
But you're high-tech kids.

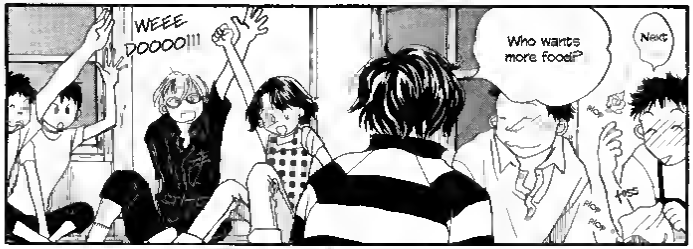

You really don't have much stuff.
It looks like a burglar came through here already
By the way, what are you going to do for heating and cooling?
Ah, at my last place, I had an air conditioner.
Want to buy a kotatsu?*
Or something to heat up and physical pain.
Hey, what's that?

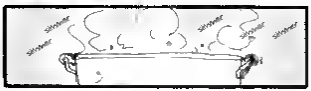
*Tank with blankets attached to the sides with a heater underneath

I'll throw in a floor mat.
Two thousand yen
How much?
I want one!
Was wiping down the closet↑
I'll take fifteen hundred
Hi, give you one more chance.
Sold!
*#16-22 UED
<flap>
Shall we split the cost?
I'm going to bring it here
Is this where you want it?
Yeah.
That's right
OK!
Ogura, lend me your car!
Umm

Well
And I'll make rice Nate!
It'll be just right since I never have much stuff
The gas isn't turned on yet!
Just 'cause she wants it
A Kotatsu
Photography Club

It's impossible for that teacher
But since he has said that
More or less.
Hey!
I wonder if people will eat it all
I'm putting in the udon!
kiss
rustle


WEEE
POOOO!!!
Who wants more food?
Next
slurp
kiss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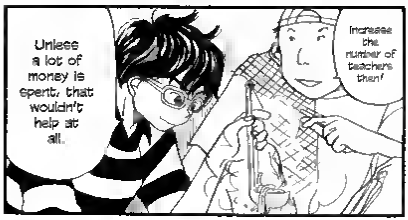
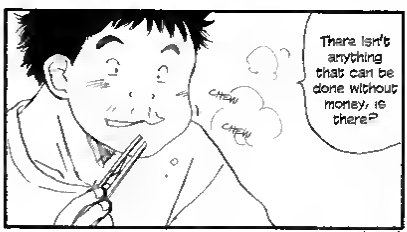

Unless a lot of money is spent, that wouldn't help at all.
Increase the number of teachers then!


There isn't anything that can be done without money, is there?
CHEW
CHEW

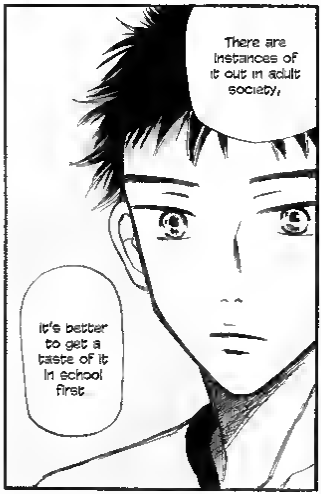
only needs to be kept out of the teacher's sight
Bullying
Children aren't stupid...
CHEW
CHEW

Society takes out its problems on the weak
It's a problem with the socio-economic environment
We're just seeing the side-effects of various flaws in society
I think we'll just have to risk it.
How about training the bullied kids in martial arts?
Only those who want to learn of course

If they fight back, won't it just become a brawl?
It's not sheltering those they want to shelter
But I could live with it
That wouldn't look so good to the public

They do a lot of stuff you couldn't even imagine
There aren't any definitive criteria for that
Isn't it when they don't like what's being done to them?
There's no good definition for bullying
It's whatever they think it is

Really?
You can't measure someone's level of dislike
Isn't it OK to be bullied?


There are instances of it out in adult society,
It's better to get a taste of it in school first

Well ... I was...
...bullied during middle school,
but because of that, I've gotten stronger

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRACK
Plus, I think I'm better than the bullies now
How are you any stronger?
CRACK
CRACK
I think I'm stronger than you, Aki
Oh, it's starting!!
CLAP CLAP
It's showtime!
STARE
What?

Uchihara, you're good!
eeeek
thump
You're killing me!
yeeeek
cNNK
cNNK
But,
it moved along quite quickly once you had talked about it
He was quite easily convinced, right?
I pushed him to do it
I was the one who found this place, too
so I shouldn't even be living in a 75,000 yen apartment.*
I don't have a job,

*Real estate [illegible]

He's definitely better than Nakai
Aww Don't remind me of that idiot!
Hee hee hee
By the way, Saru doesn't seem to be busy with a job.
'Cause he's getting 180,000 yen from his parents.*
Those out-of-town parents give their kids such large allowances...
Really?
*A bit less than $2000 USD
He seems to want to be independent from his parents, though
stare
Yeah (comfortable)
drop
Well that's cute
HYUH
Did you fall asleep?

shk shk shk
shk
<crack>
ばっちっ
thunk
push
CRACK
look around
crack
crack
crack

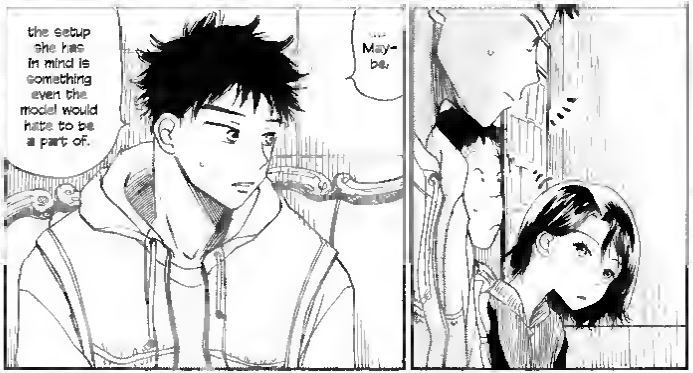
Yeah ?
Good morning
Hey, look at this
Oh
They've already taken the head.
The body is just a shell, too.
But they're forcing themselves to try various methods
It doesn't look like the legs will fit through the ant hole
Oh

They say animals give off alpha waves when they touch each other
But this looks like it has the same effect
It feels good
POP
?!
So good together
Well said

"A portrait of a traveler."
Here's a plan for the scene I have in mind.
We'll have a studio with a white background and two lights.
have him wash his face and feet inside a tub full of water,
and take the picture with him half-naked.
He could be wearing a white short tee.

And he could be preparing onigiri and pork soup
I think we could get many pictures of that
Him going back and forth
Don't we often have crock pot dinners here in the classroom? It should portray that feeling
Umm
wouldn't it be interesting?
No
Uhmm
What is the point
of that scene?
If you'd like, I can bring in my electric cooker
Yeah
Really?
Not particularly

Have you thought about what "will be interesting?"
And what do you mean by "will be interesting?"

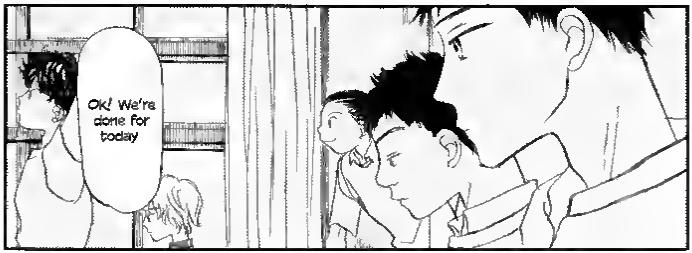

the setup she has in mind is something even the model would hate to be a part of.
... Maybe.

Everyone is ganging up on me!
CLACK
!
...

Shinjou would want to have a hand in it!
No one is ganging up on you
It's just that no one likes your idea
!!
What?
Yea.
Shinjou would want to have any part of that.
I don't think
CLACK

...to have strange misconceptions about Shinjou, doesn't she?
She seems
...
It might be better not to talk about her while he's around
Probably
...because there's a side of her that she only shows to...
him

Does he love her that much?


Ok! We're done for today

The get-together
To what?
People who are coming, it's at the usual place at 7
You never come.
I went once

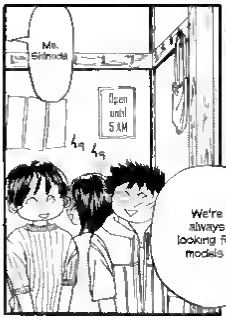
Are you coming?
Since it's the last of the month, let's go for a drink!

Interval dance

Yeah, that's right. With Ms. Karasu.

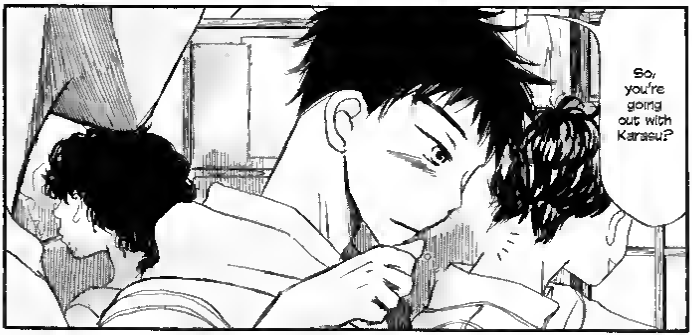
Yeah
Let's go let's go
?
I wonder IF I'll go today.

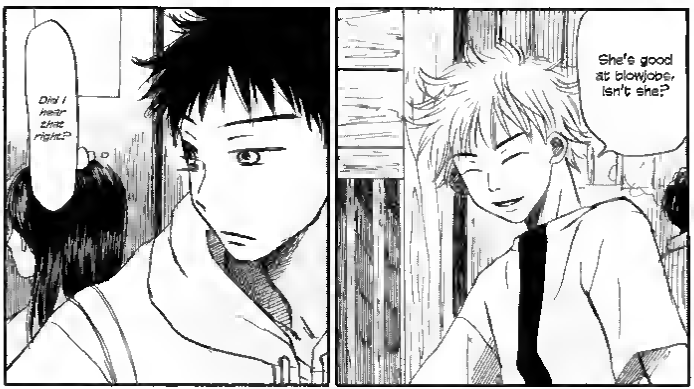
I want you to take pictures of me


Ms. Shimada
Open until 5 AM
We're always looking for models

Thank you very much.
Is that how people normally ask to do that?

Teacher's calling you
Thank you
I'll be back in a bit
WAVE
Heave ho!


So, you're going out with Karasu?


She's good at blowjobs, isn't she?
Did I hear that right?

I heard she's worked that kind of work before.
She's done it for me before.

If I were a girl, I'd definitely do it.
Women have it good. They can get paid for it.

Isn't it, like, really exciting
Have you ever done it at school?

Are you angry?
CLUNK
Going to the rest-room

?
CREAK
CREAK
GRAB

N
No
Do you always talk about that kind of stuff?
<grab>

Wah...
<slide>
<whoosh>
!!
<clack crash>
pop
Ahh!
↑ Not on purpose

Ugh
Ow
Stop it! Nakai!
Who is he again?!
not budging
thump
You!
Nakai ?
STOP!!!

It's over, it's over!!
Look.
Or I'll do that again!!!
Ahh
What was the reason? How did it get started?
And you, too.
Both sides are at fault in starting a fight.
Swallow

HIROTAKA!!!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
Whoa!!

Ah
ah!
I'm getting in, too!
plop
But I'm already in here
splash
plop
plop
splash
splash
Ah!
Me, too!
splash
splash
twinkle
Since you haven't had a chance to bathe in a while,
If you want to get in, get in
splash
It's impossible to fit two in here
Eh?
splash
splash

Have you done a variety of jobs?
You heard about it from Nakai, right?
But I didn't bring that up
Ehh?
Ahhh
Ah, you talking about the dating club thing, huh...
I did it for a day but was never picked.

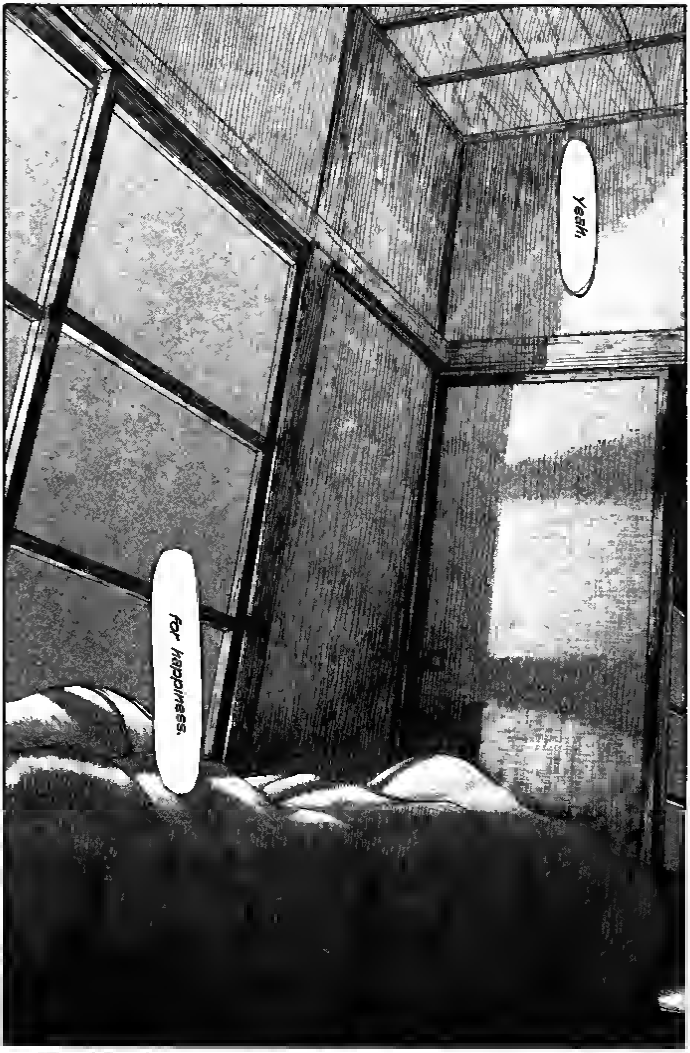
Yuminari
I tried it out with Yuminari,
but I was never once called up
Why
Not once the entire night
ha ha ha ha ha
click
Being picked just means going out there and drinking with the guys
There were some rumors that I did a lot more than that, though
They really embellished a lot!!!
PAT
I found it interesting, so I didn't bother to put an end to them!!
Nakai called Yuminari about it
Then, Yuminari gave me a call

Did I...
...say something unpleasant?
It might be strange for me to apologize,
but,
we had a messy breakup quarrel.

Didn't I think
it was fine for her to like Shinjou?
I am ...
...really bad at breakups.

Be-
cause
...
I wanted to be with her.
We'll just have to fight through it
Fight through what?
Teach
HUG
What-
ever may happen
What-
ever?

Yeah.
but
I'm fine with being naive
Isn't that a bit naive?
I guess.
I'm
fine with that, too.


Yeah.
For happiness.

Katydid
Panarama Suzu
Sidney silver_deeds
Pollux wall flower
xengie Flump
mayairy-
active
happybobo321
Cream Puffs eunhYe
Freshy funnypages
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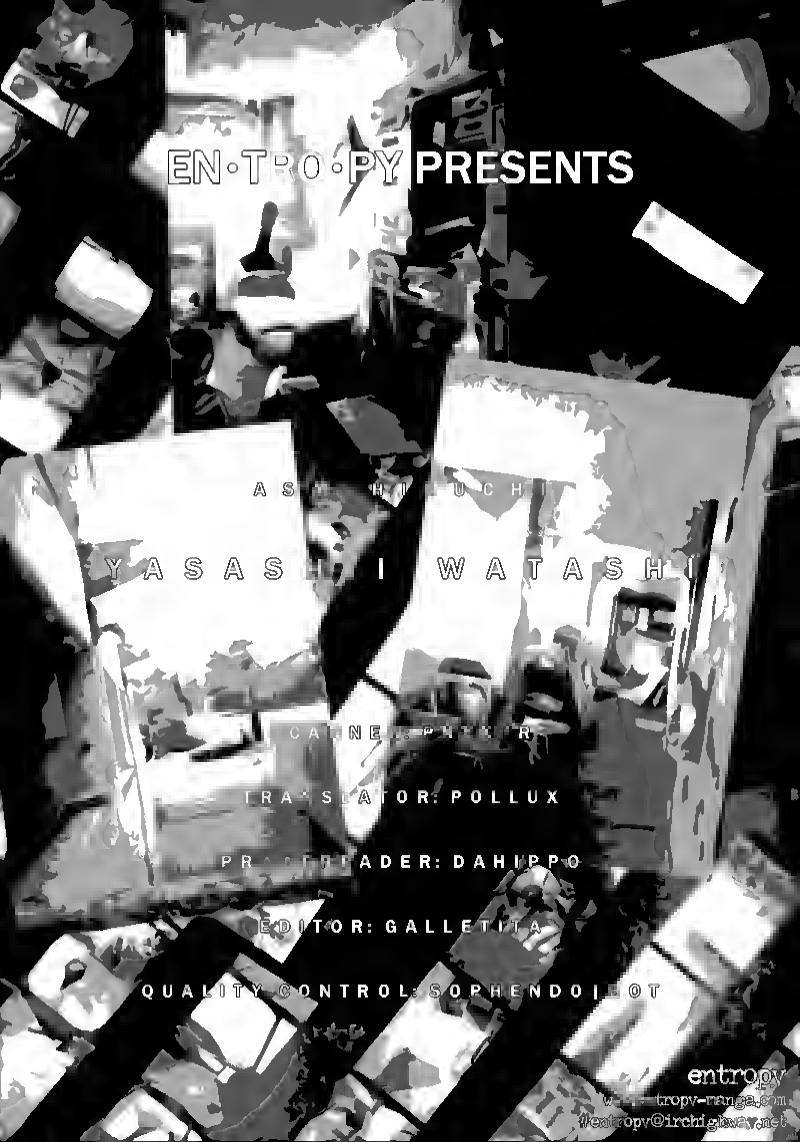
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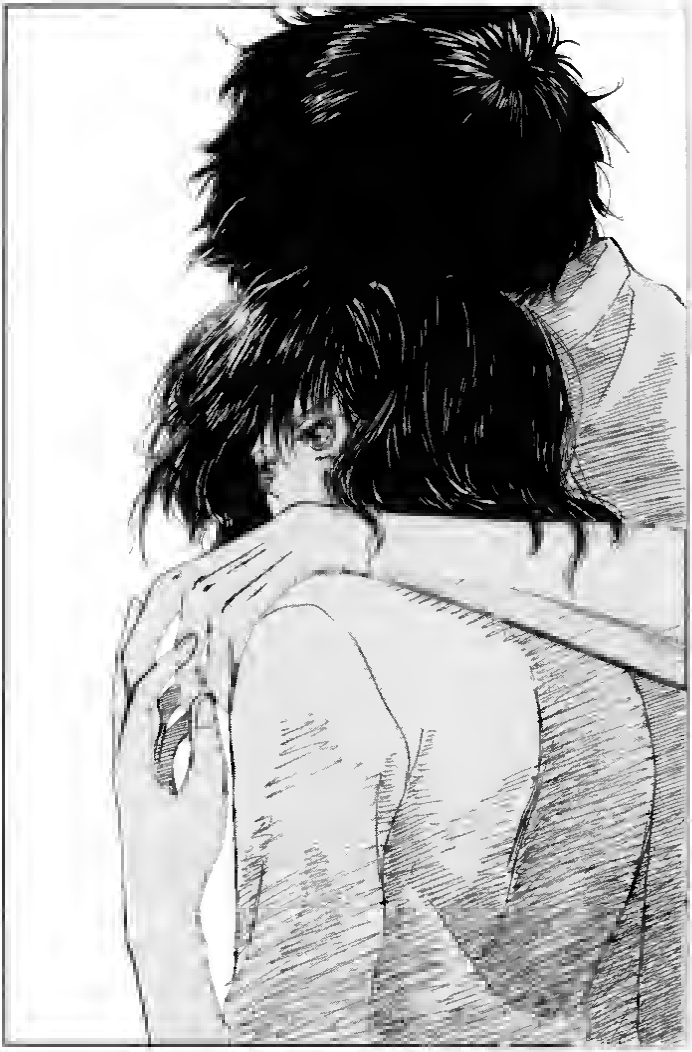


Chapter 5: Too Much Deception?

What is this?
Locked
GRAB
WAHHHH!!
Is that where you hide your porn?!
Is it porn?!
OH.

Pump
Squish
Whoosh
What is she talking about?
If I know what it is, I'll eventually be able to accept it
You know, if I look at it...
But you never said anything about this to me...
It'd be easier for me if you told me how you like it...
Ah
Hmmm
I feel uncomfortable not knowing whether you really like it or you're just acting.
It's hard for me to think of ways to please you

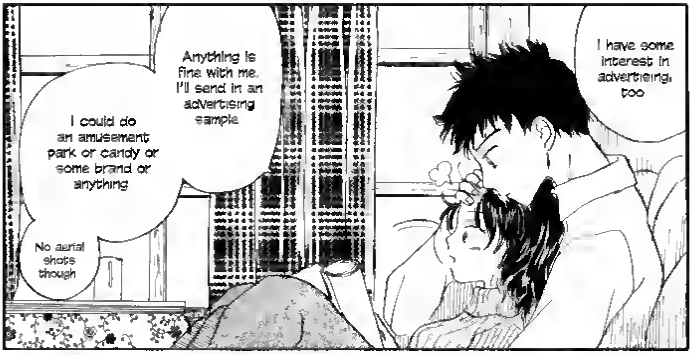
And girls think about that,?!
If I asked, would you do it? Or would you just get angry?
And that's exactly why I don't ask!
Then, you don't have to do that so please no
Is it really that bother-some?!
Uncomfortable?!
I mean, it's not like I could act it out!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
Huh?
Huh?
I'm trying my hardest just to do it
THE TWO CRIMINALS WERE ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF POSSESSING TWO KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS
FROM THE INVESTIGATION THE TWO CRIMINALS

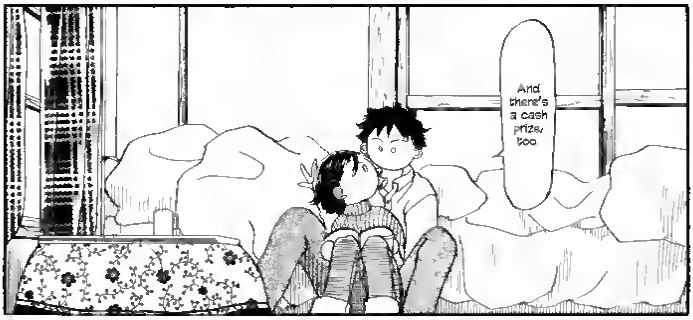
That's been happening more frequently hasn't it?
They've been lenient with criminal punishment here in Japan
Have you done it before?
Yeah.
Eh!? Have I sold it!?
No way!
No that...
Have you smoked it
Since it was the city, it was relatively common for them to sell ganja
But yeah, it was a gateway to cocaine
Since I went so often,
I was always like,
CHAP CHAP
"Yay, Tokyo!"
Tokyo!!

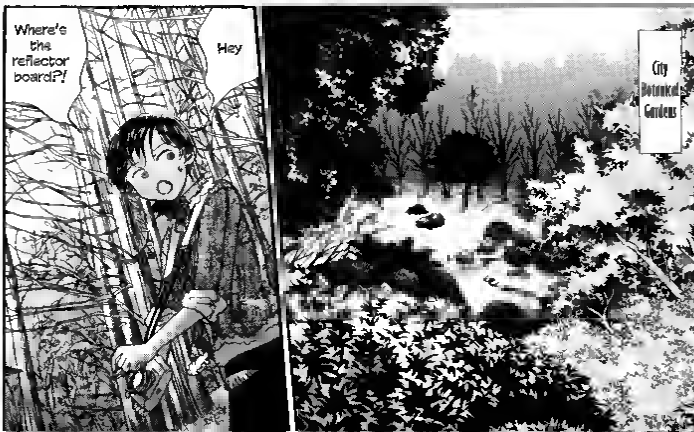
I don't want you to smoke, Hiro.
I don't want you to smoke, either.
Ah!
But I had to do that!
Y-yaba* and
ganga aren't especially dangerous!
As for cocaine, I only did that for a week. I haven't touched it since!

*Yaba is a mixture of methamphetamine and caffeine.

I'm serious!
I... I don't do it at all!
And now?
Ugh...
Hey, look at this.
rustle
They're holding an advertising competition.


I have some interest in advertising, too
Anything is fine with me. I'll send in an advertising sample
I could do an amusement park or candy or some brand or anything
No aerial shots though


And there's a cash prize, too


Where's the reflector board!?
Hey
City Botanical Gardens

Nobody in this club ever thinks with their head, huh
Ara and company will be offended by that
I've brought everything that you told me to bring
Eh, ?
It's an outdoors shoot, you know
!
Model orient
We're really good friends, so we speak really freely around each other
Yeah, yeah
Can you go back to school and get it?
So, what about the reflector board?
It'll take an hour to get back here
flap
You have a white t-shirt on
Huh?
↑ Models-come-first policy ↑
Can I take it?
Yeah

It's better than nothing.
Cardboard inside.
Collected by leaves.
Hey, be careful of your exposure level.

Your camera uses flash to adjust the lighting...
...?
Yeah, I'm using the auto shoot mode
Argh!
Humph!
your exposures will be off by five shades
If you don't get it right at this time of the day,
It'll be pitch black if you're off by half a setting
so you should be using the reverse!
It's..
Eh? Don't tell me you don't know how to use that
You should set that to half-setting
The Auto Exposure Bracketing feature.
The camera has AEB, right?
But you only need to turn the knob
to enable that feature!
Why?!
I'm fine
Well, well
It's better for her to experience the pain firsthand
I'll use whatever photo I take!
I'm fine
What?
I'm fine!

You'll be treating us, right?
Now let's go for some food!
Thank you very much, everyone!

Ah, we're done for the day

I need to finish this before the day is done!
Ooh, look at the time
I'm sorry, I have to go back to the lab!

Some-times I envy her
Still packing things up

Yumiari, cover for me!
I'll pay you back later!

Laff
Laff
Laff
Laff
Laff
Laff
Laff

DOSANKO

Oh, the pictures came out?
Huh?
CHUCK

Can't you buy a different kind tomorrow?
Yeah, don't put the thick paper into the printer
What? Tomorrow's the deadline?!

You're pasting it onto cardboard?
Can't you work one out?
A logo and a byline for the botanical garden.
Yes?
The logo's no good
Huh?

Well, actually, the deadline is today,
but I asked and they said they would accept it as long as it's there before the office opens tomorrow

shock
How would I know that!
CLICK
Give up and learn from your mistakes this time
This is because of poor preparations on your part!
Yeah?
OK
Later
Yes
!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
SILENCE
THANKS FOR COMING!
I'm going to school.
then cutting it up and pasting it on here?
How about printing it out on a different kind of paper.
This can't go in the printer.
Here.
...What kind of paper is it?

chime
Make it loose and shifty on purpose...
Give it that dynamic feeling
Let's do *that!*
Computer Science
A magnified copy!
How about the logo?
SLAM
Hey! Don't stir up any wind!
Ah! This is no good!
Let's try it one more time
Ah, it's sliding off
Ah, it's stuck
It's so messy
SNIP
SNIP
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arrange
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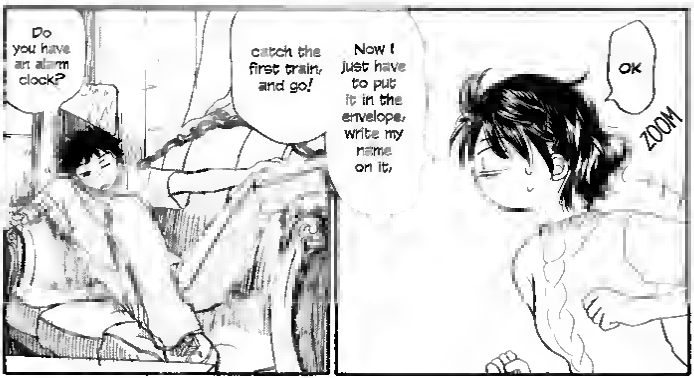
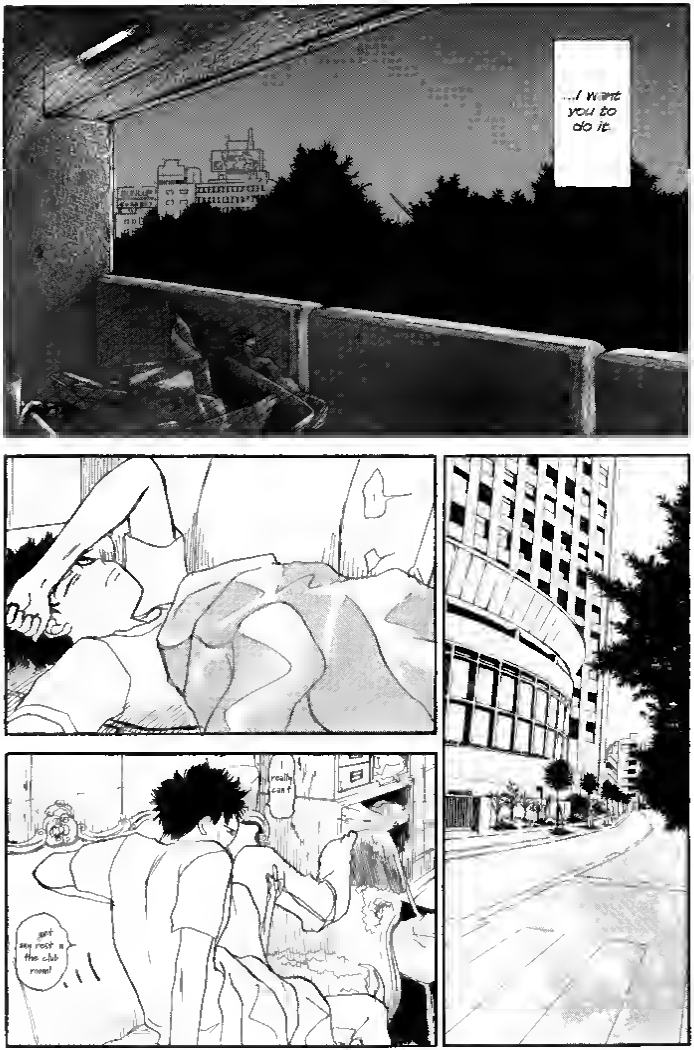
arrange

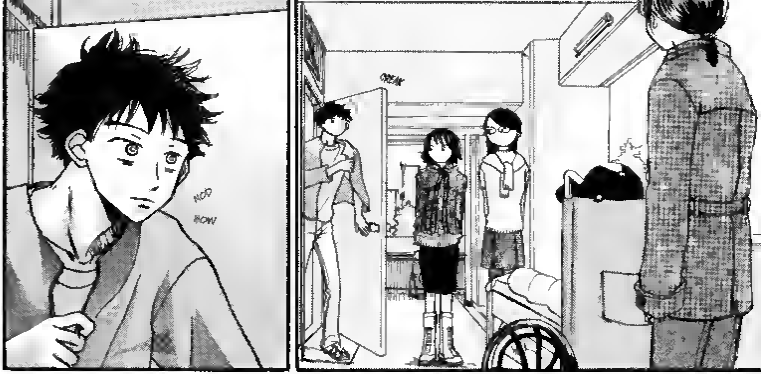
So with that, the picture's good...

We're done!


Do you have an alarm clock?
catch the first train, and go!
Now I just have to put it in the envelope, write my name on it,
OK
ZOOM

Thank you
Are you worried about something?
Yeah
Just for a little bit though
If you can win a prize...


...I want you to do it.
I really can't
get my rest in the club room!



Showing no reflects from not steaming

They just said they wanted to hear a description of club activities
That bit just a moment ago
Well, if he asks to join...
Are you thinking about his chances of joining?
click
Are you sure you want to give him the impression that he could handle it?
That's hypocritical.
When he fails after trying an impossible task,
.. that you put him up to,
those high expectations that you set upon him will be insult on injury
click
It's better to just flat out deny—
He should be able to handle it

Right?
It's not just a problem of whether he can fit through the door...
Do you think he'll be able to navigate around the room in his wheelchair?
We could tidy up...
Are you seriously saying that?
Won't we think poorly of a kid who'd stumble over all the trash?
All our members clutter the room with their junk here and there and leave these empty juice cans all over the place
We've never taken a single day to clean up the room

I suppose he'd be able to manage if we went that far
the entire room would have to be transformed
Since we'd have to change all the chairs and desks,
Uchibori, you do know, right?
We'd have to hold his hand in developing and printing the pictures
There are clubs with wheelchair-bound members, right?
Together with their caretaker
Yeah
Scholarship-type clubs
You said that it was hypocrisy, though...
It is hypocrisy
!
On top of that, there'd be other chores after we left

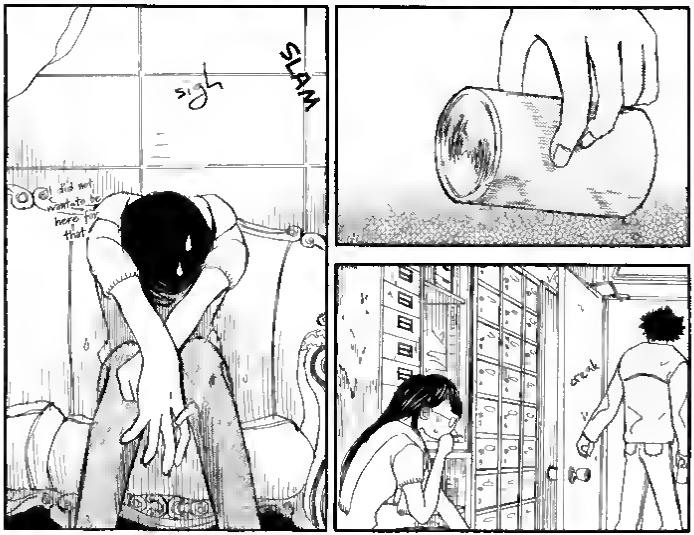
That
That's just a self-serving way...
...
of
lining up excuses for not trying some-thing...
...
Just say it
...
...but you know...
the matter of being able to move feet
just a matter of wanting to do it or not, right?
We're talking about whether it's physically possible...
Not being able to do something and not wanting to do something become one and the same...

It's not like I'm telling that kid to not take an interest in photography
But,
I don't think that kid will be able to have fun by joining this club
That isn't something you know for sure
You can't just continue to insist that it's impossible
That is...
speaking to
the narrowness of your own personal ambitions
Ha ha
What are you talking about?

Hirotaka, thought you could do ..
So, you really think he can do this?
Aren't there things that you,
but weren't able to?

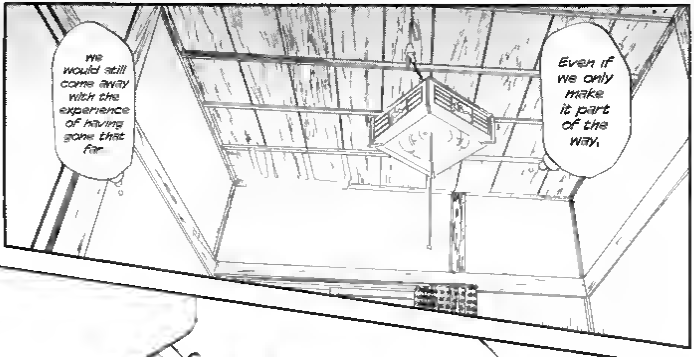
I'll say it straight. I am trying my hardest right now
You know
And
Clunk
roll
roll
If you don't like that, why don't we break up

I'm going home to sleep
creak
SLAM


sigh
SLAM
creak

But
Because I can see it in their attitudes
Club President
I know it's been out...
Well
Both of them were...
He knows how Yae can be...
Was Seiju really such a straight shooter?
sigh
murmur
creak
Thanks for coming in today
Ohoho
I'm going home.
Later
pat
Thud

The wheelchair boy did not join.
So it's no good with Seriu, either
CLUNK
And Yae's project...
...failed to win a prize.



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Um, yes...
Yes...
Ah!
Yes!
PLOP
Yes!
Yes, please!
Hiro!
Uh...

GRAB
CLANK
NO
BOI

Hey!
I'll be starting work in March!
huh
Oh?
Coming home?
There's this cameraman who I often talked to way back when I was competing in tournaments.
I got an interview through him.
...and landed a job in the publishing industry!
WHOOSH

I thought I might tell you, now that it's a done deal.
When did you...
Now I can relax during winter break
I'm really glad that I've secured one before the year ends
Huh?
What?
That's great!
I was thinking of looking for a job at a publishing house.

I had worked myself to exhaustion for that,
but I was up against people who submitted multiple entries or completed huge projects all by themselves
I was there at the advertising office submitting my entry
You know
I'm pretty much done with advertising...
By my guess, the number of entries was in the five digits.
And to top that off,
I don't understand the winning entries at all.
Besides, what I really want to do
is fashion-related stuff.
TURN
Huh?
..

Howdy
The guy with the new job at the mini-market!
Oh!
YOU MIGHT HATE THEM, but at least bring some back for us!!
I hate mini-market lunches.
GRUMP
I didn't ask for any
I was really really looking forward to them!
SLUMP
To avoid lunches at the like
Treat us!
What?
Right, Ouji?
might I treat you to some lunch?
Hey, you poor folks,

...make you so jolly that you'd want to treat people to food?!
Does finishing your thesis proposal...
Ugnnn
You OK ...?
You serious?!
Now and then
Ya
But that's still in limbo, right?
How spiteful of you as usual. Yes
and ran into accidents on the day of the deadline. It might still be in limbo.
got the portfolio with all the documents stolen
Seeing as how a certain someone had printer disasters
True events.
My presentation will be at the start of next year
Well, in a way

trying to refine your skills.
I thought you were.
So, you're looking for a job now?
That's the idea
I am trying
But that's not the point.
It's so much better to get an official job offer, though.
Aren't you going to do that anymore?
Some students are still developing their expression even at your age, you know
Well, fine by me.
It's not my life.
Well,
FLAP

you're still at a point where you can do whatever might suit your fancy in your life,
but you sure are slow to get started on it
Hm-hm
Oh, I'm going in
Are you making prints?
The Dark Room is available now
Yeah
I'm developing photos, too
You don't have to put away the solutions

I'm OK with that.
Want to switch in the middle?
We got enough
In about two hours?
Then, you'll come in when I'm done?
Our food!
Huh?
Wait,
You'll be eating lunch, right?
Yeah

Pooo
I missed the last train!
BA
NG
Gifts?
Ah!
Congrats, It looks like your proposal got accepted
Shinjou, I haven't seen you for a while, either
FAT FAT
You're as weird as usual
It's been a super long time!
HUG
My Yae!
Yaeko

You know it's been accepted already?
Can't I do it on my personal experiences?
It depends on the theme, but it's impossible with absolutely no planning at all
Different College
guess that's true
so how did you do it?
Ah, right!
It's my second try already
If it goes smoothly yeah
I'll do something that won't results any planning
I haven't decided yet
Have you decided on what you're going to do?
Same College, ←Same→ Department
Ah, it'll be your second try next year, right?
Within the same university
Making any progress?
Little by little
knock knock
Hirotaka!

Are you going home for New Year's?
Ah
Yeah
Well um
you know, those two chatting over there...
Oh
What are they off?
You're developing quite a few!
Uh ... of my surroundings
My parents want to see it
Ah,
that's rare
Ms. Aoi stopped in just a moment ago
Those two?
Uh...
Li...
Isn't she very cute?
...?
I wonder why Ms. Aoi doesn't have a boyfriend yet.

You'd know if you saw it! Just now, she was really happy to see him!
Yo—
I think
she likes Shinjou
Shinjou
That person?
When I was with him, he acted informal with me, too
and
We traveled together even before we dated.
Then again, that person is such a flirt
Shinjou shouldn't act that way if he isn't interested in her

...we slept together, too.

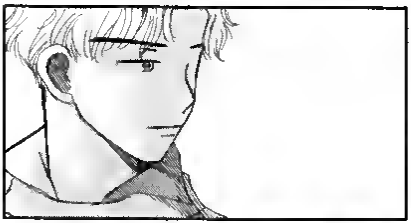
That's when it all started.
I thought that we should have a baby and such, so I...

...And really,
I wouldn't have been surprised if it did happen.

May I open the door?
Oh,
Not re~
Sure, go ahead
What is up with that person?
I'm going to the conve-nience store.
You want anything?
Bye
BANG

ha ha ha
creak
Good work.
Ah, Hirotaka
Stop it! No more!
Oh
CHU

But you are too sloppy!
Why?!
Could you possibly bring in my prints for me?
I have to head to work
I can do that for you!
A pigeon flew in here, so shut the door!
Shut it! Shut it!
FLAP FLAP



Umm
I've already put them away
in your box, Shinjou...
I can at least do that much!

Thank you

Bye-bye.
Well, time to go home.
You, too, Pigeon.
FLIP
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Ms Aoi went home on the first train.
Hm
CLUNK
Want to go have sex?
Uh
Today's not a good time.
Ah
Hey
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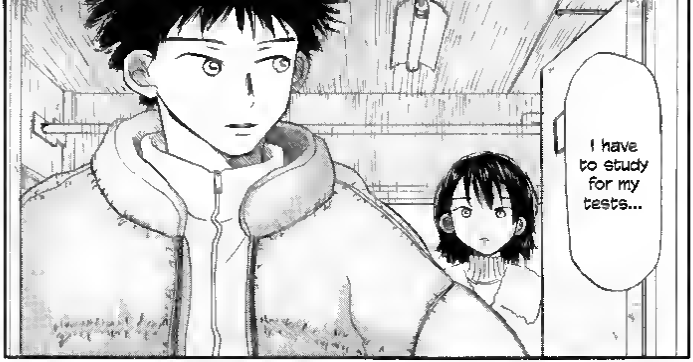
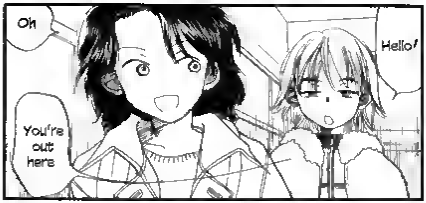

I have to study for my tests...

Sorry.
So–

CLANK

CRANK
OK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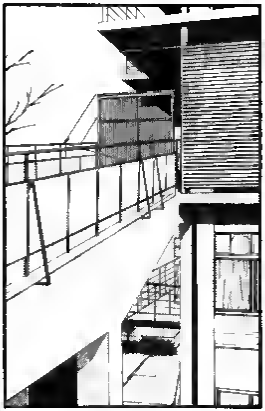
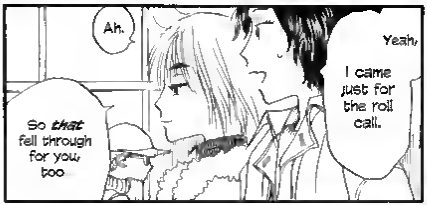
Hello!
You're out here




Ah.
Yeah, I came just for the roll call.
So *that* fell through for you, too.

Did something else fall through for you?

Huh?
Eh.
How do you know about that?
I saw the contest results in the magazine.

Is he treating you well?
Ha ha.
Does it look like he's not?
I got fired from my job...
at the studio
Well.
Going to the boyfriend's today?
Eh.
yeah
It's possible
...
...talk to me about anything...
anymore
...that you barely
I was really just thinking.
Ah, never mind that.
Ah
Well, that wasn't very nice.

Well, you've ...
probably ...
...gotten sick of all *that* from the time I was with Shinjou.
M-me?
You
Yeah.
you can say that
...could say that
Um So,
you're saying that you aren't going to count on me anymore?
No!
I know how you felt!
I was a raging lunatic back then.

He really does cherish me.
I just don't have anything to complain about right now
I'll count on you when I really need it
I'm heading to the fast food place for lunch
Ah, then, I guess we part here.
What a fair-weather girl...
Cool

When she was with Shinjou
I didn't want to be her pillar of support to such a degree,
she would share her entire world of problems with me
If I reach out a hand to help,
but I just couldn't ...
...see how she could have gotten over him without my help

beep beep beep beep beep
I'M AT THE STATION NOW
Yeah.
It's ok.
HEY CAN I COME OVER?
Yeah, my final exams end tomorrow.
I'll be going home directly after that

I DON'T MEAN TO GET IN THE WAY
SORRY ABOUT THAT
. If you called before coming
Um, it'd be better
Another thing, I'm staying up all night tonight to study
DO YOU NEED ME TO GET ANYTHING?
No .. not really
OH
OK
What's wrong?
CREAK
OH, I SEE
You didn't need it, key

I don't ...
...want to dump or be dumped...
...any-more